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SUBJECT: KENYA BREAKS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL; POSITION ON UNEF

UNCLEAR

REF: STATE 213792, 214665, 215016

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AT 1230 P.M. ON NOV. 1, KENYA NEWS

AGENCY RELEASED FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM STATE HOUSE MOMBASA:

QTE OCCUPATION OF LAND BY FORCE OF ARMS IS NOT ONLY AGAINST THE

UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, BUT ALSO AGAINST THE NATIONAL PRINCIPLES

OF KENYA. THEREFORE, AS LONG AS ISRAEL CONTINUES TO OCCUPY ARAB

LANDS TAKEN BY FORCE OF ARMS, KENYA HAS DECIDED NOT TO MAINTAIN

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ACTION

WILL ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS. UNQTE END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: FOR. MIN. MUNGAI RETURNED TO NAIROBI

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AT 11:15 A.M. ON NOV. 1. STATE HOUSE MOMBASA ANNOUNCEMENT OF

BREAK CAME AT 12:30 P.M., SUGGESTING THAT MUNGAI HAD LITTLE OR NO INPUT IN THAT DECISION. BELIEVE IN ANY CASE OUR INTERVENTION ON QUESTION OF GOK'S RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL (STATE 215016) WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HELPFUL.

3. RE UNEF ISSUE, EMBOFF ON OCTOBER 31 HAD EXPRESSED TO MOFA UNDER SECRETARY KIILU (UN/AMERICAS) U.S. HOPE THAT KENYA MIGHT PROVIDE TROOPS IF REQUESTED BY UN SYG PER STATE 213792. KIILU WAS STRANGELY UNRESPONSIVE AND WOULD NOT EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE WHETHER FORMAL REQUEST RECEIVED FROM U.N. IT NOW CLEAR THAT WHOLE MATTER WAS IN STATE OF FLUX AT THAT TIME.

4. QUESTION OF KENYAN PARTICIPATION IN UNEF MAY NOW BE ACADEMIC, BUT IF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT COULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT ONE OR TWO AFRICAN STATES THAT HAVE BROKEN RELATIONS, THERE SOME POSSIBILITY THAT KENYA MIGHT BE WILLING PARTICIPATE. MUNGAY LEFT DOOR OPEN BY SAYING AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE THAT GOK WOULD CONSIDER ANY REQUEST FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IF SUCH REQUEST RECEIVED.

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